

## REMARKS

A Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee accompany this Amendment for the purpose of removing the finality of the pending Office Action and obtaining entry of the above-indicated claim amendments.

Claims 15, 17-19, 21-22, 34, 36, 37 and 39 are pending in the application, with Claims 15, 19, 34 and 37 having been amended, and with Claims 9-14 and 29-33 having been cancelled. Claims 15, 19, 34 and 37 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103(a)**

Claims 15, 17-18, 34 and 26 are rejected as being unpatentable over Rokugawa et al. in view of Fox et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,128,831 (“Fox”).

Claims 19-22 and 37-39 are rejected as being unpatentable over Rokugawa et al. in view of Fox et al. in view of Blumenau et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,421,711 (“Blumenau”).

In explaining the rejection of claim 15, the Examiner identified a “frame 41” in the Rokugawa reference as satisfying the claimed “coverlay” having a opening therein in which an IC is positioned. To overcome the pending rejections, claim 15 and the other independent claims have each been amended to specify that the “coverlays” recited in the claims are of an organic material. (Support for these claim amendments is found, for example, at page 4, lines 3-5 of the specification of the present application.) By contrast, the “frame 41” of Rokugawa, upon which the Examiner relies, is made of copper, not of an organic material, since the frame 41 is left over from a copper sheet 40, as is made clear at column 13, line 66 to column 14, line 15 of the Rokugawa reference. Thus, as now amended, it is believed that the independent claims are clearly distinguished from the prior art cited thereagainst, since the prior art fails to teach or suggest a coverlay formed of an organic material and having an opening therein in which all of an IC is positioned. It is therefore respectfully requested that the pending rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

### CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

Respectfully submitted,



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